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There’s a Single Father Out There To

Everyone has that dream of having the perfect family. You know a husband, a wife, and maybe a couple kids, an actually family with two sets of helping hands providing for one household. Now a day there are more divorced and single parent family household, struggling to provide for a family with only one set of helping hands instead. Usually when you think of a single parent household, you think about a mother who does it all. A mother who does pay all the bills, take care of other expenses, and providing for the household itself, all by herself. Nine times out of ten it usually does turn out that way, but there are some single fathers, who also take on both two roles too. Even though there are more single mothers, the single fathers only receive little to no credit of stepping up and playing both roles like a single mother does. The articles “Children of Gay Fathers” by Robert L. Barret as well as Bryan E. Robinson and “What is a family” by Pauline Irit Erera, both address the role of single fathers. Not only that movies have also addressed the issue of single fathers, such as “The Pursuit of Happyness” staring actor Will Smith and directed by Gabriele Muccino expressing the struggle a father goes through as well. Althoug they all express the issue of different type males taking on the role of single in different ways, the fact of the matter is that they are fathers who are taking care of the children, regardless of the situations that they are in.

In the article Children of Gay Fathers it talks about the situation of gay fathers who are actually taking care of their children and actually providing for them as if it is a single parent household. So is that fact of a fathers homosexuality change the fact of how he takes care of his children. No, the sexuality of a person doesn’t change the way he lives his life, the person himself determines that regardless. Although children with gay fathers seem more intense, children of gay fathers are the same as any other family. The gay fathers go through the struggle of expressing their homosexually toward their children and dealing with the outcome of it being a two male house hold unlike the usual being of a father and mother. Gay fathers go through the same situation as any normal father would with their own children; nothing is different about it but the sexuality part. Gay fathers are still single fathers just cause of the simple fact that there might not even be a female figure in that child life to help out or give that mother loving to that child. Gay fathers go through the same struggle, just like another single father who prefers women instead. Some people might even think that homosexual fathers have it harder on them because of the fact they are gay. There is plenty of judgment involved especially knowing that it a single father whose gay taking care of a child. People wonder how good the home environment is the children live in but in the article it actually states that “gay fathers try to create a more stable home environment and more positive relationship with their children than traditional heterosexual parents.” It’s also been shown that gay fathers have no differences in the paternal involvement and amount of intimacy said Bigner and Jacobsen. Many gay fathers take on the role of helping out with school events, PTA meetings, church activities involving their child just like any normal parent would. And just like any other single working father whom struggles to help and provide the needs of one or more child, a sexual father does to. Some even have to take on two jobs as well just to provide for the household and making sure the bills are paid on time just as a single mother would.

In the article “What is a Family,” it sits and discusses the different types of families in the world. Many families come in various forms, which do reflect the social and economic conditions and the culture norms of the times. The different types of groupings, we all call families are socially constructed rather than it being naturally or biologically given. Different families have different ways of taking care of their house regardless if it involves one parent or two parents. Just like in a single mother household you see them taking on both roles as mommy and daddy to give the children that comfort of having a good life even if the father isn’t around. Its might be difficult not to have a daddy around, it’s also hard not actually having a mother around but having a daddy whose there taking on both roles. Just as hard as a single mother struggles to make sure things are good and well taking care around one single working hand house hold, its hard on a father who is doing the exact same thing as the mother. Single fathers, can never give a child both the love of a mother and father, it’s not possible. Being a single father really can be tougher than being a single mother, because of the fact single father has to go to women with kids or even their own mothers to get help or guidance when providing the simplest of needs for the kids in the single father household. Single fathers have to learn what to do if a child gets sick, how to cook or provide food on the table, and get supplies, clothes and other personal items the child might need. Nothings much better than a mothers touch for a child but some kids have to take advantage of the loving the father provides just because a mother is not involved in situation.

In the 2006 box office movie “The Pursuit of Happyness” actor Will Smith takes on the responsibility of taking care of a child on his own but also maintaining a job to take care of the two of them. Times go so hard for him, that it was time they ended up homeless and had to sleep in the homeless shelter from nights time to time. It was so hard for him to provide a healthy or well-balanced meal for just his child alone to eat and enjoy. He struggle to keep his child in day care constantly pushing back payments on the day care bill and house note because his simply didn’t have money to pay for expenses. This movie itself showed that single father do have to manage and have hard responsibly as well, some even similar to a single mother.